



REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

<i>Application No.</i>	09/402,636
<i>Filing Date</i>	April 26, 2000
<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Richard B. Mazess
<i>Group Art Unit</i>	1644
<i>Examiner Name</i>	Phuong N. Huynh, Ph.D.
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	017620-9277-00

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114, of the above-identified application.

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CLAIMS							
	(1)	(2) CLAIMS FILED WITH RCE	(3)	(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) BASIC FEE \$375
TOTAL CLAIMS	30	MINUS	48	0	X \$9	0	
INDEP. CLAIMS	3	MINUS	8	0	X \$42	0	
TOTAL FILING FEE ---->							\$375.00

Applicant claims small entity status

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